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In re the Application of:

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

MAR 20 2002 C. 7 > 2002 This Amendment and Response is filed in response to the Office Action date January 15, 2002, setting a shortened statutory period for response expiring on April 15, 2002.

In the Claims:

Please carcel claims 7-12, amend claim 3, and insert new claims 13-15 as

follows:

3. (Amended) A centrifuge for decanting lighter material from heavier material from a mixture of initial material, the centrifuge comprising:

a housing includin a central body, said central body defining an axis;